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SUBJECT: EC PREPARATIONS FOR FINAL CIEC PACKAGE

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1. EC PERMDEL OFFICIALS TELL US THAT BUTLER OF UK FCO DID NOT INFORM THE EC HIGH LEVEL CIEC MEETING ON MARCH 29 OF THE SPECIFICS CONTAINED IN REFS. B AND C. THESE OFFICIALS SAY THAT BUTLER WAS CONCERNED OVER THE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND WANTED TO AVOID A POSSIBLE LEAK OF THEIR CONTENT. IN ADDITION, FROM PRIVATE CONCERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS US OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, THE UK HAD RECEIVED REPORTS ON US VIEWS TOWARD A FINAL CIEC PACKAGE WHICH CONFLICTED SOMEWHAT WITH REF. B AND C. UK PERMDEL OFFICIALS ADD, HOWEVER, THAT BUTLER KEPT THESE COMMUNICATIONS IN MIND WHEN HE BRIEFED THE GROUP ON US VIEWS.

2. THE UK, IN ITS ROLE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PLANS TO REPORT ON RESULTS OF MARCH 29 MEETING TO CANADIANS, JAPANESE AND AMERICANS IN NEXT DAY OR TWO. THE UK PLANS TO INFORM APRIL 5 FOREIGN MINISTER COUNCIL OF G-8 REACTIONS TO THIS REPORT. THUS, IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES TO SET FORTH AGAIN US VIEWS TO THE COMMUNITY, CONFIDENTIAL

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ESPECIALLY ON PROPOSED EC "IMMEDIATE ACTION", IT MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FORTHCOMING UK CONTACT.

3. MISSION REPORTING RESULTS OF GROUP'S DISCUSSION
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